


African Flower Pincushion



I made this purse on a whim in order to use up some of the African Flower motifs I'd made. Since then, it has become my favorite bag and I used it everyday and constantly get compliments on it.

It's big and roomy and holds everything I need with room to spare.

Sizes and Materials List ...

Size:	12" x 12", without straps
Hook(s):	US I/9 (5.50 mm)
Yarn:	Hobby Lobby I Love This Cotton [100% Cotton, 180 yds/100 g skein/ball]
Colors & Approx. Yardage	<p>(A) White, 15 yds (B) Coordinating color #1 (sample uses pink), 15 yds (C) Coordinating color #2 (sample uses lt green), 15 yds (D) Coordinating color #3 (sample uses dk purple), 15 yds</p> <p>Yardage does not include motifs</p>
Notions	<p>Yarn Needle 1/2 yd Cotton Fabric for Lining (1/4 yd ea if using contrasting fabrics) Button for closure</p>
Gauge:	Gauge is not important for this project
	 EASY

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Notes ...

Motifs	This pattern assumes that the motifs were made using the suggested yarn or equivalent and are approximately 4.5" wide.
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Stitches Used	Chain (ch) Slip Stitch (sl st) Single Crochet (sc) Extended Single Crochet (esc) Single Crochet 2 Together (sc2tog)	Single Crochet 3 Together (sc3tog) Half-Double Crochet (hdc) Double Crochet (dc) Treble Crochet (trc)
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Abbreviations	Each (ea) Hook (hk) Loop (lp) Stitch(es) (st / sts) Together (tog) Yarn Over (yo)
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Special Stitches	Single Crochet 2 Together (sc2tog) Insert hk into st, yo, pull through, insert hk into second st, yo, pull through, yo, pull through all three lps on hk.
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	Single Crochet 3 Together (sc3tog) Insert hk into st, yo, pull through, insert hk into second st, yo, pull through, insert hk into third st, yo, pull through, yo, pull through all four lps on hk.
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Instructions ...

Purse Main

Make and join 12 African Flower motifs in a circle in two rows.

Purse Top

Round 1	With A, join with sc to any dc of a motif except one in the "dip" where two motifs are joined, sc in ea sc until you get to the dc just before where the motifs are joined, sc2tog skipping any st where the motifs actually are joined, continue with sc around and sc2tog where the motifs are joined. Fasten off.
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Rounds 2-3 With B, rep round 1, twice. Fasten off.

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Round 4	Find the st at the center of any "dip" between two motifs and count 7 sts to the right. With A, join with sc in the seventh st, sc in next st, *hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, trc in next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts (check that there are five sts between last sc and the middle "dip" st),* rep from * to * around, ending with a sc, join with sl st in first sc.
Round 5	Ch 1, sc in ea st around, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.
Round 6	With C, join with sc in any sc, sc in ea sc around. Join with sl st in first sc.
Round 7	Ch 1, sc in ea st around, join with sl st in first sc.
Round 8	Ch 2, esc in ea st around, join with sl st in first esc.
Round 9	Rep round 8.
Round 10	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea st around. Fasten off.

Purse Bottom

Rounds 1-7	Rep rounds 1 through 7 of purse top. Do not fasten off.
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Decide where you want the sides of the purse to be and fold in half so sides are at the fold. Place markers in the center of each side.

Round 8	Ch 1, sc in ea st around until you get to four sts before the first marker, sc2tog two times, sc in marked st (move marker up), sc2tog two times, sc in ea sc until you get to four sts before the next marker, sc2tog two times, sc in marked st (move marker up), sc2tog two times, sc in ea sc around, join with sl st in first sc.
Round 9	Ch 1, sc in ea st around until you get to two sts before the first marker, sc2tog, sc in marked st, sc2tog, sc in ea sc until you get to two sts before the next marker, sc2tog, sc in marked st (move marker up), sc2tog, sc in ea sc around, join with sl st in first sc.
Round 10	Ch 1, sc in ea st around until you get to one st before the first marker, sc3tog, sc in ea sc until you get to one st before the next marker, sc3tog, sc in ea sc around, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Finishing ...

Turn purse inside out, hold edges of last round together, join C and sc edges together. Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

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Top Edging (Optional)

Join D with sl st to any st at top of purse, ch 3, 2 dc in same st, *sk next st, sl st in next st, ch 3, 2 dc in same st,* rep from * to * around joining with sl st in beg sl st. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Lining

1. Make lining following directions for White Crocodile Purse but without the flap. For width, measure inside the top edge of the purse, all the way around and add 1" for seam.
2. Insert lining into purse and pin edges of purse and lining together.
3. Stitch lining to purse with a whipstitch or with a sewing machine.

Closure

Base Chain	With D, fsc 23.
Main Closure	Ch 1, sc in ea st down one side of the fsc, ch 1, sc in side of fsc at end of piece, ch 1, sc in next next corner of fsc, ch 10, join with sc to opposite corner of fsc, ch 1, 14 sc around ch-10, sc in ea st up side of fsc. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Finishing ...

Attach button to front center of purse, about 1-1.5" down from the top. Attach through lining for extra support.

Place loop of closure around button and over the top to the back. Determine where you want it attached and sew tightly to the purse, through the lining - or attach with sc to top edge of purse back (behind edging if added).

Straps (Make 2)

Base Chain	Ch 101. Add additional chs for a longer strap.
Row 1	Sc in second ch from hk and in ea ch across. (100 sts)
Row 2	Ch 1, turn, sc in ea sc across.
Rows 3-5	Rep row 2. Fasten off and weave in ends. Add additional rows if you'd like the strap to be wider.

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Finishing ...

Attach first strap to front of purse, about 2" in from the side edges. Attach with sc to top edge of purse (behind edging if added) or overlap the purse edge and sew with sewing machine.

Repeat for second strap to back of purse.

Make sure all ends are woven in.

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